

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 26th
day of August, 1997.

In the matter of the Joint Application)
of Western Resources, Inc. and Kansas)
City Power & Light Company for approval)
of the merger of Kansas City Power & Light) **Case No. EM-97-515**
Company with Western Resources, Inc. and)
for other related relief.)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OUT OF TIME

On May 30, 1997 Western Resources, Inc. (Western Resources) and
Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), collectively referred to as the
Joint Applicants, filed an Application with the Commission requesting an
order approving the merger of KCPL with Western Resources and for other
related relief.

The Commission issued its Order and Notice in this matter on
June 5, providing for the intervention of proper parties and setting the
deadline for the filing of applications to intervene on July 7. On July
30 an application requesting intervention out of time was filed by the Ford
Motor Company and the Adam's Mark Hotel, referred to as the Missouri
Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC). In that application, MIEC states that
the delay in filing its application was occasioned by the need to evaluate
the impact of the proposed merger and obtain client approval to participate
in this case. MIEC alleges that the above reasons constitute good cause
as set out in the Commission rules.

MIEC further states that granting its application will not
cause any delay or disruption in these proceedings as they are at an early
stage and will not impair the rights of any other party. No other party
has objected to the MIEC application.

The Commission finds that allowing MIEC late intervention in

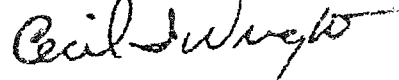
this proceeding will not prejudice any other party to the case. In addition the Commission finds that the case has not progressed to the point where delay or disruption will be caused by allowing this request. Therefore, the late filed application of MIEC for intervention in this proceeding will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application to Intervene Out of Time, filed July 30, 1997 by the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, is hereby granted and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers are granted intervention in this proceeding.

2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, and
Murray, CC., Concur.
Crumpton, C., Dissents.

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